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FOR S/NM (FALCO) FROM AMBASSADOR
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1. DIRECTOR REXED, UNFDAC, CALLED ON ME TODAY AND SHOWED ME A LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HARVEY WELLMAN, DATED APRIL 10, PRESENTING CASE FOR ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF WELLMAN CONTRACT (TEXT BELOW). REXED'S POSITION IS THAT HE WANTS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO US SUGGESTIONS. UNTIL HE HEARS FROM US, HE WILL NOT INDICATE ANY POINT OF VIEW TO THE UN PERSONNEL DECISION MAKERS IN NEW YORK. HE LIKES WELLMAN AND IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH HIM, BUT HE WILL RESERVE HIS POSITION UNTIL THE USG MAKES KNOWN ITS POINT OF VIEW TO HIM.

2. REXED IS LEAVING THIS WEEK FOR A TRIP TO AUSTRALIA
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AND NEW ZEALAND WHICH MEANS HE WILL NOT RETURN TO GENEVA UNTIL END APRIL. SINCE WELLMAN IS PRESSING FOR A DECISION, WE SHOULD REMAIN ALERT TO ENSURE THAT UN NEW YORK OFFICIALS DO NOT EXTEND HIS CONTRACT WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE AS THEY DID LAST YEAR (REF B). I SEND YOU THIS INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU SINCE THE TIMING OF WELLMAN'S REPLACEMENT MAY PRESENT SOME DIFFICULTIES.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER - "IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST I AM GIVING YOU MY COMMENTS ON THE TIMING OF MY EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. I APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS.

"I HAVE BEEN SERVING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SINCE NOVEMBER 1974. I CAME TO THE UN AFTER FOUR YEARS EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL WITH A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. I HAVE BEEN THE DEPUTY FOR ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARTENS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DE BEUS, AND IN THEIR ABSENCES I HAVE ACTED FOR THEM DURING SUBSTANTIAL PERIODS. AS YOU KNOW I WAS ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1978 BEFORE YOU TOOK OFFICE ON 1 MARCH AND IN THIS CAPACITY I PRESENTED THE FUND'S REPORT TO THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS OF WHICH YOU WERE CHAIRMAN.

"THE POSITION OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS NOT ONLY A POLICY ADVISORY BUT ALSO A WORKING POSITION. THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS ARE PROGRAMME PLANNING, INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND FUND-RAISING. SPECIFICALLY THE INCUMBENT, UNDER THE DIRECT POLICY DIRECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENIOR STAFF ORGANIZES THE FUND'S WORK AND ASSIGNS ACTION RESPONSIBILITY, REVIEWS AND CONDUCTS FUND CORRESPONDENCE, MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT, EXECUTION AND EVALUATION OF DRUG CONTROL PROJECTS, SUPERVISES PROGRAMME ANALYSIS AND PROJECT APPROVALS, CARRIES OUT FUND-RAISING THROUGH PERSONAL VISITS TO AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH PERMANENT MISSIONS AND GOVERNMENTS, AND DRAFTS FUND STATEMENTS AND REPORTS, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS.

"DURING THE SHORT PERIOD WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE FUND, YOU HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE TEAMWORK OF YOUR MULTINATIONAL STAFF AND YOU HAVE INDICATED AN AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUITY AND EXPERIENCE IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE FUND.

"THE FUND HAS CLOSE TO THE MINIMUM OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF (6), WHEREAS ITS RESOURCES AND PROGRAMMES ARE EXPANDING. IN ADDITION, THE FUND IS ENTERING A NEW FIELD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TO OBTAIN RESOURCES FROM DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED

NARCOTICS-CONTROL PROJECTS.

"THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS IS ENGAGED, PURSUANT TO A GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, IN A REVIEW OF THE UN CONCERTED ACTION PROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY UNFDAC WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING THE RESULTS ACHIEVED AND IDENTIFYING FUTURE STRATEGY AND NEW DIRECTIONS. YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS REVIEW.

"YOU WILL BE PRESENTING YOUR FIRST REPORT TO THE COMMIS-

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SION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS IN FEBRUARY 1979. FUND REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION HAVE IMPROVED YEAR BY YEAR AND HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY WELL RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENTS. YOUR DEPUTY HAS BEEN LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THESE REPORTS AND FOR COORDINATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEM OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

"YOU WILL NEED TO TRAVEL FROM TIME TO TIME ON OFFICIAL MISSIONS TO RAISE FUNDS, REVIEW EXISTING PROJECTS AND DEVELOP NEW PROGRAMMES. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCED UN DEPUTY TO SUPERVISE DAILY MANAGEMENT IN YOUR ABSENCES.

"FURTHERMORE AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED RECENTLY THAT IT IS PROPOSED TO TRANSFER THE FUND AND OTHER NARCOTICS CONTROL ORGANIZATIONS FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA

IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1979. THIS WILL PUT INCREASING
PRESSURE UPON YOUR STAFF TO HELP YOU CARRY OUT THIS
DIFFICULT TRANSITION WHILE MAINTAINING FUND OPERATIONS.
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"FOR ALL THESE REASONS IT SEEMS THAT THE FUND DURING
1979 SHOULD KEEP TOGETHER ITS EXPERIENCED UN STAFF, IN
ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS WHILE AT
THE SAME TIME ARRANGING FOR AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OF ITS
HEADQUARTERS TO VIENNA.

"IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS BELIEVED THAT IT IS IN THE
UN'S INTEREST TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT OF THE INCUMBENT
DEPUTY IN 1979 AND TO PROVIDE, DURING 1979, FOR THE
TRANSITION TO A NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT A NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BE
SELECTED AFTER THE 1979 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON
NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THAT HE BE ASSIGNED TO THE FUND ABOUT
JULY 1979 AS THE DEPUTY-DESIGNATE, TO PROCEED TO VIENNA
TO ASSIST YOU IN SETTING UP THE FUND'S NEW OFFICE THERE.
IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS, I BELIEVE, THAT HE HAVE AN
OVERLAP OF SEVERAL MONTHS IN GENEVA WITH THE INCUMBENT.
IT WAS MY EXPERIENCE, DESPITE MY FAMILIARITY WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE CONTROL SYSTEM, THAT I HAD TO
WORK SOME MONTHS BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY
WITHIN THE UN ORGANIZATION.

"ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF MAKING THE CHANGE OF DEPUTY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN 1979 WOULD BE THAT THE NEW DEPUTY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COULD BE ASSIGNED TO VIENNA, AND HIS
EFFECTS AND FAMILY COULD BE TRANSPORTED THERE DIRECTLY.
THIS WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE NEW OFFICER AND WOULD
BE MUCH LESS COSTLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

"WITH THE TRANSFER OF UNFDAC FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA, IT
MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO RETAIN A FUND LIAISON OFFICE IN
GENEVA AT LEAST ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THE INCUMBENT
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DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIGHT BE ASKED TO HEAD THIS
LIAISON OFFICE AFTER THE NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HAD TAKEN OVER FROM HIM.

"I AM SERVING UNDER A FIXED-TERM CONTRACT WHICH
TERMINATES ON 30 NOVEMBER 1978. IF REQUESTED BY THE

UNITED NATIONS I WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE
TRANSITIONAL YEAR OF 1979. AS EXPLAINED TO YOU ORALLY,
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND MY CONTRACT UNTIL THE END
OF 1979, THIS WOULD ENABLE ME TO COMPLETE FIVE YEARS OF
SERVICE AND THUS TO QUALIFY FOR A UN PENSION. THIS OF
COURSE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED." END TEXT. VANDEN
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